

# **April 19-21, 2024 Podium Club – Driver's Meeting Notes**

## **General Information:**

We will hold a morning Drivers Meeting on Friday and Saturday morning at John Momeyer's trailer. These notes supplement, but do not replace, the in-person meetings.

As in 2023 the facility is pretty bare bones. Restrooms are limited to porta-potties with hand wash stations. Fuel will be available on-site, octanes are limited to 94 and 100 octane. BSRs will be allowed to run 94, or 91, octane fuel. Water is not available on-site, so plan accordingly. You may dry camp at the track. Track entry and camping are included in your registration.

We will have a food truck available for breakfast and lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Tommy's Wood Fired Grill <https://tommyswoodfiredgrill.com/>). Our event sponsor, Porsche Chandler (<https://www.porschechandler.com/>) is sponsoring breakfast and lunch on Saturday. We will hand out food tickets at registration.

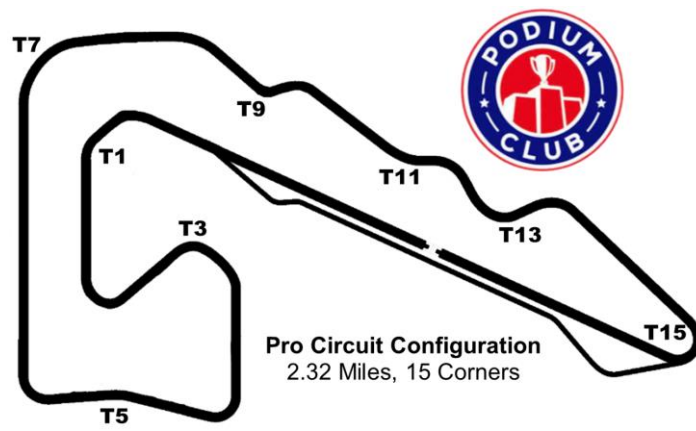
**Everyone** needs to complete the SpeedWaiver (link <https://porscheownersclub.speedwaiver.com/fbque>) or use the QR code below), including those who are not driving (e.g., family members). Please show the SpeedWaiver when you pick up your wristband and window sticker at registration. Please have tech inspection **completed** before requesting your wristband and window sticker. Registration will be at John Momeyer's trailer starting on Thursday evening (also Friday morning, Friday evening and Saturday morning). Rental transponders will be available at registration and at Timing and Scoring after registration is completed.

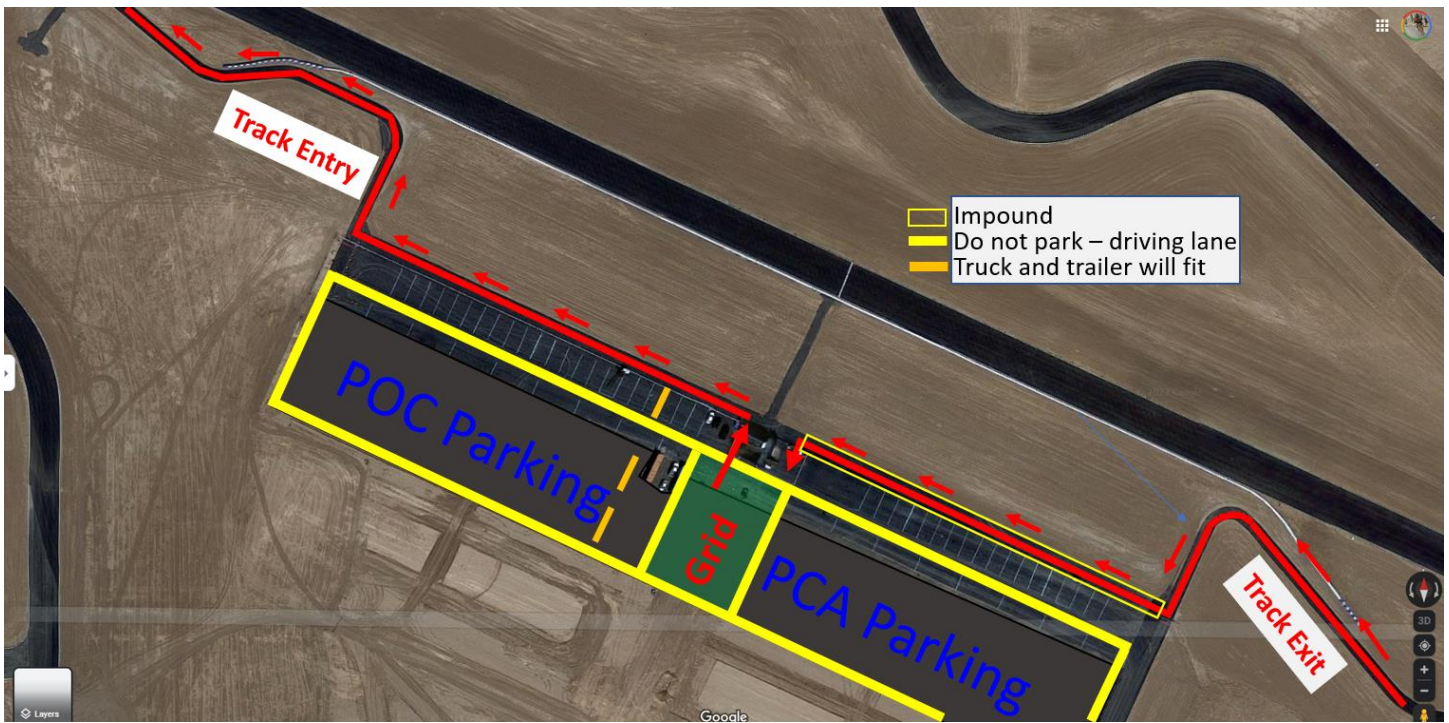


Tech Inspection will be handled by both Pro Motorsports and Vali Motorsports. Both are located in the paddock. The fee is \$20 payable to the POC. Vali Motorsports is available for tire services. If you have specific tire needs, please arrange for this ahead of the event.

The schedule for the weekend is linked at the MSReg registration page as well as Race Hero (both the app and the web page). Any significant updates to the schedule will be communicated via text and will be updated in Race Hero. Hopefully, we will not need any changes.

We are running the Pro Circuit Configuration (full course) in the Clockwise direction (see track maps below). Please park on the West side of the paddock (see map below) and do not park in the driving lanes (also on the map below). The East end of the paddock will be allocated to PCA Arizona Region, who are sharing the track with us for this event. The map also shows the route used to get on and off the track, and the impound location. As this is only our second visit to Podium Club, please expect a little confusion as we all figure out parking and gridding. The grid location is shown on the map below.





## Racers

If you run in a different class (e.g., a car that can run in GT2 or GT3) please mark your car for the class that you are running in. We encourage drivers not to race cars that are not in their class.

For all cars running in GT classes, you will receive an email if you are missing your Appendix D. In addition, we will send out a link to a list of all the current Appendix D information for all participants. If you have made any changes to your car that affect your Appendix D (off track weight or dyno sheet) please get a new Appendix D submitted. Scales are available in the paddock.

Reminder - racers must have the following available: stamped vehicle logbook, Appendix D if running in a GT class and off-track weight labeled in their doorjamb.

Racers, if you are delinquent on medical forms please get those up to date. You should have received an email reminder. You may be excluded from an event if your medical is not up to date.

Boxster Spec drivers, please make your tires available for stamping. **Do not make the tire stamper unstack your wheels.** **Do not wait until 5 minutes before qualifying** and please coordinate with one of the Boxster Spec representatives (Karen Robinson, Andrew Weyman, Nick Khilnani).

Please remember that Spec 991.2, GT2, GT3 and GT4 cars may deploy only one set of new tires per weekend (per the GCRs).

We are posting session times and grid sheets in Race Hero. Racers need to know their grid position for the races and not rely on grid workers. There will be no paper time sheets or grid sheets available. If you are late to the grid, you will start DFL. The grid closes at 1 minute. You should be there no later than the 5-minute call. When you grid, please put your grid number in your left outside mirror. Of course, if you want to start DFL you can.

We will have split qualifying in both race groups. Please check the number of laps in each race and fuel accordingly.

Orange group drivers will grid for split qualifying per the grid sheet on Race Hero. Orange group qualifying grid spots are based on fast lap in practice on Saturday and based on fast lap from the Saturday races and Sunday practice for Sunday.

Split starts are planned for GT1/GT2/Prototype and then GT3/GT4 in Red. In Orange, split starts are planned for BSRs and then SCR/GT5/GT6/GT7. ***These start groups may be modified depending on the cars registered.*** Stay in line for starts and do not jump the start. We will be watching for either violation and you can be black flagged for jumping the start or being too far out of line. No weaving or tire scrubbing once your group forms up.

Split starts are planned for GT1/GT2/ Spec 991.2/Prototype and then GT3/GT4 in Red. In Orange, split starts are planned for BSRs/GT7 and then SCR/GT5/GT6. ***These start groups may be modified depending on the cars registered.*** Stay in line for starts and do not jump the start. We will be watching for either violation and you can be black flagged for jumping the start or being too far out of line. No weaving or tire scrubbing once your group forms up.

Racers, please remember that blocking is not allowed. Per the GCRs.

*On a straightaway, the driver in the lead may proceed in a straight line at any position on the track but shall not attempt to block or impede the progress of passing car(s); weaving is not permitted. When approaching a corner, the car in the lead is permitted one defensive move but such a **move must not be reactionary or so late as to create a danger to the following car.** Such blocking behavior may result in a black flag penalty, regardless of whether there is contact.*

*Drivers who repeatedly fail to leave racing room when being passed, or who repeatedly exhibit blocking behavior, will be penalized, regardless of whether contact is made. This may take the form of race disqualification, write-up, or a 13/13, at the discretion of the Competition Committee.*

The full passing rules are linked here: <https://www.porscheclub.com/passing/>

Under full course caution the overall race leader needs to slow to 55 mph. If you do not slow to 55 mph you will be black flagged, and we will see if the new leader can slow to 55 mph.

Race starts and restarts should be at **a steady (i.e. not increasing) speed and not full throttle** until the Green flag is displayed. Engine note should change on a start or restart when the flag drops. If it does not, a black flag may be displayed for the pole driver or leader. It is the responsibility of the pole driver to gather up the field prior to the last turn before the start/finish straightaway.

The hot pit lane speed limit is 35 miles per hour.

After the races, there will be a normal impound. Competition Committee members will let you know if you need to go to the scales.

Lastly, for everyone, if you have an incident/contact with another car during the weekend, you need you to bring your video to John Momeyer and fill out an incident report. Alternatively, you may text or email the details of the incident to John instead of filling out the incident report, but you still need to provide your video. Failure to report contact is an automatic 13/13. MAKE SURE YOUR FORWARD-FACING CAMERAS ARE WORKING RACERS!" If you have questions, contact our Competition Director: John Momeyer (661) 478-9561 or [cd@porscheclub.com](mailto:cd@porscheclub.com).

### **Safety Notes and Basic Reminders:**

Speed limit in the paddock is 10 mph. Be very mindful of children, pets and people distracted by the cars.



When entering the track from the hot pit lane stay to the left, cars may be approaching during the session at high speed. Please exit the track on the left at the location marked on the track map.

If you spin and go off never reenter a hot track without being directed by a corner worker or without having a clear view of the track. We have issued 13/13s for not re-entering safely so do not let that be you. Please, when you spin whether on or off track get your feet on the pedals hard to keep from rolling backwards, perhaps in front of oncoming traffic. Remember If you cannot see a worker and you cannot safely position to see any oncoming traffic then you must stay put until the end of the session. A tow vehicle will be on its way.

If you see smoke from your car or suspect any issue based on your gauges or car behavior, **get off the racing line and pull into a safe location off track.** If we cover the track with fluids it takes time to clean and we will have a messed-up schedule.

If you need to stop off track for any reason (mechanical, post contact, etc.) tap the roof of your car to let the corner workers know that you are ok (assuming that you are ok). **Do not exit your vehicle unless it is on fire.**

A reminder to turn in your volunteer activities. Fill out the form at <http://www.porscheclub.com/spr> to get credit. Please fill out the form within 7 days of the race weekend to get your service points and POC bucks. Remember that you need service points to be eligible for a championship or any year end awards.

Results will be posted after the event on the POC results page (<https://results.porscheclub.com/>)

Please ensure that you are familiar with the flags and hand signals described in the GCRs.

## Flags

All drivers must fully understand and adhere to the following flags:



**Green:** The Green Flag means go; course is open and clear.



**Yellow:** NO PASSING. Stationary Yellow Flag means reduce speed enough to respond to unusual hazard(s).



**Waving Yellow Flag:** NO PASSING. This means the course may be blocked ahead, be prepared to stop, however, do not stop unless necessary and always be aware of vehicles close around you. The prohibition on passing starts at the line on the racetrack perpendicular to the point of the first displayed yellow flag(s); The pass must be completed by this point. However, in cases where the incident is clearly visible and is in close proximity to the yellow flag(s), such that passing on approach to the yellow flag(s) would put someone in danger, passing on approach to the yellow flag(s) will be considered dangerous/reckless driving and will incur a one lap penalty or possible 13/13, at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

Once past the yellow flag(s) a pass may not be INITIATED until you are completely past the incident(s) and you have a clear view of an incident-free track between you and the next manned flag station, and it is clear that that flag station is not displaying a yellow flag. Timing a pass such that it occurs at or immediately after an incident and therefore requires accelerating adjacent to the incident will be considered dangerous/reckless driving and will incur a one lap penalty or possible 13/13, at the discretion of the Competition Committee.



**Double Yellow** - NO PASSING. Reduce speed enough to respond to hazard(s) on the course. The overall leader of the race will slow to 55 MPH or less and collect the entire field. There will be no split starts after a double yellow and all cars should collect together in a single file line. Racing will only resume with a green flag at the start/finish line. If the leader of the race does not slow to 55 MPH, they will be black flagged, and the next car will take over the leader's responsibility of collecting the field.



**Red:** Red Flag indicates an emergency situation. Look in mirror(s), pull safely to trackside and stop in view of nearest corner worker. **Remain stopped until instructed otherwise.** You will resume under a full course Black flag condition.



**Blue with Yellow Diagonal Stripe:** This is the "Passing Flag" warning of potentially faster cars behind you. Look in mirror(s) and allow faster car(s) to safely pass (in designated areas for groups with point-by passing). This is an advisory flag but should be obeyed as soon as it is safe in PDS and Time Trial groups.

Rapid compliance with the "Passing Flag" in Cup Racing groups may consider the current race situation (e.g. are you in a close race with an in-class car).



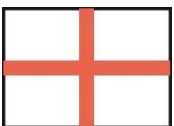
**Red with Yellow Stripes (Track Condition Flag):** This flag warns of debris, slippery fluids and/or any changing track conditions requiring caution and reduced speed. Typically, the flag will only be displayed for two laps (even if the condition continues). After that time, the driver is expected to account for the track conditions.



**Black with Orange Dot ("Meatball"):** Your vehicle reportedly has a mechanical problem. Using the designated track exit, proceed to the Black Flag Station with extreme caution. If your car is dropping fluid, drive off of the racing line and, if possible, the track surface.

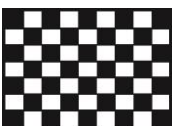


**Black:** You have been identified as having made an infraction. If the Black flag is furled (i.e. rolled up), then the driver must discontinue his present driving behavior or face an open Black Flag. An open Black Flag signals that the driver must proceed immediately to the pits via the designated course exit and report to the Black Flag Station. Full course Black Flags signify that all drivers are to discontinue racing (no passing), slow down and proceed single file using the designated track exit to the Black Flag Station. Any racer who ignores a Black Flag during a race shall be assessed a one-minute penalty for each Black Flag passed. During a race, any driver passing under Black Flag All will be assessed a stop and go penalty under green flag conditions. If the infraction occurs on the last lap or two and it is not possible to assess the stop and go penalty or video evidence of the infraction is provided after the race, the racer shall be penalized one lap.



**White:** The White Flag warns of a service vehicle on course. Typically, but not always, the white flag will also have a red cross if a service vehicle is on course. Proceed with caution. You may not pass a service vehicle unless instructed to do so. This permission to pass is typically indicated by a person on the

service vehicle waving you by. Look for a person on the back of the service vehicle or a wave by from the driver's side window of the service vehicle. Permission to pass may alternatively be indicated by the service vehicle driving slowly off line. In this case, use extra caution as permission is less clear. In all cases, show respect to the service vehicle and reduce speed appropriately. The White Flag (with no red cross) may also be displayed at the Starter stand as an indication of the last lap before the Checkered Flag (for race groups only).



**Checkered:** The Checkered Flag announces you have completed your final lap. Proceed to the pits using the designated track exit. For PDS and Time Trial groups, the checkered flag may be shown at the start-finish and an additional location.

**Passing Under Yellow/Double Yellow:** Any driver in a non-race event who passes under a Yellow Flag condition and does not give the position(s) back to the car(s) passed, will be black flagged and removed from the track for the remainder of that session. During a race, any driver who passes under yellow and does not give the position(s) back to the car(s) passed safely will be black flagged and assessed a stop and go penalty. If the infraction occurs on the last lap or two and it is not possible to assess the stop and go penalty or video evidence of the infraction is provided after the race, the racer shall be penalized one lap.